PFDS is meant to provide credit enhancement to assist local bodies to access market borrowing on a creditworthy basis.

Status of AUWSP in Andhra Pradesh

604. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of review meetings of Central authorities with concerned State authorities during the last three years to review the progress of AUWSP in the State; and

(c) the details of the outcome of such meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) for towns of less than 20,000 population as per 1991 Census, out of 56 eligible towns in Andhra Pradesh, 7 DPRs have been approved at a total project cost of Rs. 1494.94 lakhs and Central share of Rs. 747.20 lakhs has been released to the States Government.

(b) and (c) During the last three years incuding current year, seven review meetings under the Chairmanship of Secretary (UD) were held where in the State Secretaries in charge of urban water supply including Andhra Pradesh were impressed to submit new schemes for approval under AUWSP and to complete ongoing schemes in a time bound manner.

Construction of Houses under New Housing and Habitat Policy

605. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had formulated a new Housing and Habitat Policy in 1998 as per which two million additional dwelling units every year were to be constructed;

(b) whether the two million dwelling units have been constructed every year;